

NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES & REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ROLL -

If you would like your name added to our churches' Electoral Rolls now is the time. We need more people to serve on our PCCs and most importantly new Churchwardens in Great Gransden. Please contact the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer — Mark Doggett for Great and Sue Lawrence for Little. Forms will be available in our churches or can be downloaded from the church web site. <http://www.thegransdens.btck.co.uk/ElectoralRoll>.

CONFIRMATION—would any adult or young person who wishes to be confirmed this year please contact The Revd Catharine Furlong (677227) for further details including preparation times.

PALM SUNDAY GROUP SERVICE 9th APRIL 10am GREAT GRANSDEN.

Our Service will begin with a Procession to Church starting at Barnabas Oley School as we remember Jesus riding on a donkey into Jerusalem. For those unable to walk please come directly to Church. Palm Crosses will be distributed to all on this Sunday.

CHURCH DIARY

Wed	11am	Funeral of Walter Jeffs	GG Church
	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
	7.30pm	AAW Planning Group meets at home of Rachel Greaves	
Thur	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT			
Sunday 26th March		Sunday 2nd April	
9.30 am	Family Communion CW	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
11 am	All Age Worship	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP
6 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	10am	All Age Worship
		6pm	Holy Communion CW

A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship

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Great and Little Gransden Churches**

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**THE PARISHES OF
GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN**

19th March 2017

The Third Sunday of Lent

We welcome the Revd Miles Falla as our celebrant and preacher this morning.

During Lent we sing the Kyries (kneeling) in place of the Gloria:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first
he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Exodus 17.1-7(*not announced*)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD,

‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 95



O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

- 1 O come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of | our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence | with thanksgiving
and be glad in | him with psalms.

O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king a | bove all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains | are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, | for he made it,
and his hands have moul | ded the dry land.

O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

- 6 Come, let us worship | and bow down
and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he | is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

- 8 O that today you would listen | to his voice:
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah | in the wilderness,
- 9 ‘When your forebears tested me, and put me | to the proof,
though they had | seen my works.

O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

We sing the **Agnus Dei:**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Before the distribution, the priest says:

Priest: God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

ALL are welcome at the altar to receive communion or God’s blessing. The Choir may sing an **ANTHEM**. If time permits please join the Choir in singing the **COMMUNION HYMN**.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

SENDING OUT

The priest gives the **BLESSING**.

We sing the final hymn

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Priest As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Priest With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel or sit

Priest As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

10 'Forty years long I detested that gene | ration and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not | know my ways."
11 'So I swore | in my wrath,
"They shall not enter in | to my rest." '

O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

SECOND READING

Romans 5.1-11 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 4.5-42

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan women came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask as drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no

bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Priest This is the gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to Christ our Lord.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please remain standing

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

Priest In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Priest On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

Priest At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.